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## <u>AMENDMENT</u>

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Sir:

For:

Further responsive to the Action dated February 18, 1998, and the telephone interview conducted May 29, 1998, please amend the subject application as follows:

In the Claims

Cancel claims 44-50 without prejudice.

(Amended) A photographic emulsion paper [suitable] for exposing and developing to produce an image thereon, characterized by an auxiliary information signal encoded therein, said signal being encoded as a patterned physical characteristic coextensive with said paper, wherein said characteristic is a chemical characteristic.

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